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INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Re Bureau airtel, 1/28/65.

NO 1271-R who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is furnishing information with regard to the "Minutemen" at Bogalusa, La., actually attended the initial meeting of the unit of the "Minutemen" at Bogalusa, La. This meeting was held on 1/12/65 at the Disabled American Veterans Hall which is located on the property of ARVIS WARNER who is also a member of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKK) at Bogalusa. It was at this meeting that WARNER stated he was forming a "Minutemen" unit in Bogalusa. WARNER indicated that this new unit was associated with a nationwide organization of the same name, however, did not give the location of the national headquarters or the identity of the national leader.

NO 1271-R reported that at the meeting of 1/19/65 of the "Minutemen" at Bogalusa, ARVIS WARNER was the individual who made the statement which was contained in New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 1/22/65, relating to possible assaults upon Agent personnel.

NO 1271-R has reported that there are eight members of this unit at Bogalusa, has furnished their identities and also identified them as members of the OKKK. NO 1271-R has reported that the officers of this unit are ARVIS WARNER, PAUL COONE, and O'NEAL JONES. NO 1271-R has reported that the only

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purpose of this unit appears to be the conducting of harassment tactics and the aggravating of local Bogalusa citizens such as BASCOM TALLEY, the former President of the Louisiana Bar Association and owner of the local newspaper, LOU MAJORS, the editor of the Bogalusa newspaper, and RALPH BLUMBERG, the owner of a local Bogalusa radio station. NO 1271-R reported the reason for these acts of harassment is that all three individuals in the past have been very open in their condemnation of the Klan and similar type organizations and that this harassment consists of placing dead animals at the residences of these individuals, placing of roofing tacks in their driveways, etc.

The New Orleans Office is of the opinion that this "Minutemen" unit in Bogalusa may not in any way be connected with the national organization headed by ROBERT DEPUGH of Norborne, Missouri, and that WARNER is merely using the name "Minutemen." In an effort to determine whether this unit at Bogalusa is connected with the national organization, NO 1271-R has advised that he has asked WARNER for "Minutemen" literature so that the members could read about the organization, and WARNER has stated that he does not have any literature as this is one way that the FBI can identify the members. Further attempts are being made by NO 1271-R to determine if the unit at Bogalusa is in any manner connected with the national organization, and the Bureau will be kept advised.